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Memorandum

TO : Sub-Group Chairmen and/or Members of
US Delegation to USSR

DATE: 4 DEC 1973

IN REPLY REFER TO:

FROM : Stanley E. Smigel
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SUBJECT: US/USSR Environment Agreement: Minutes of
Joint US/USSR Urban Environment Working Group
Meeting in Moscow, November 19-30

REF : My memorandum of November 28 re the debriefing
of the US Delegation

Attached for your information and perusal, prior to the December 12 debriefing, is a copy of the English version of the minutes of the recent meeting in Moscow. (A Russian version is available if you wish a copy.) Mr. Moskow is sending a copy of the minutes (in both languages) to Mr. Train, Chairman of the Joint US/USSR Committee on the Protection of the Environment.

Please note in particular that the Joint Working Group agreed to meet next in the US in October 1974, and that a program for 1974 was also agreed to, essentially along the lines of the agreement reached on November 16 during the meeting in Washington of the US/USSR Joint Committee.

Following the scheduled debriefing of the US delegation on December 12 and the submission and dissemination of the delegation's report, we will arrange for a Working Group meeting in January to spell out the procedures for implementing the 1974 program.

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Attachment: (as stated)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT US-USSR
WORKING GROUP ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE
URBAN ENVIRONMENT

The second meeting of the Joint US-USSR Working Group on the Enhancement of the Urban Environment was held in the USSR, from November 19-30, 1973 in conformity with the memorandum implementing the 1972 US-USSR Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Environmental Protection.

The American and Soviet experts (a list of participants is attached as Tab.A) exchanged information on methods of assuring a desirable environment in urban areas with particular attention to comprehensive planning and development, the planning and development of new communities, historic preservation and parks, the impact of transportation on the environment, noise abatement, solid waste management, and construction in permafrost terrain.

The US experts also visited Leningrad, Tashkent, Samarkand, and the new community of Tolyatti where they examined Soviet efforts to improve the urban environment.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Joint Working Group would be held in the United States in October 1974.

Recognizing the need for further exchanges of technical information on enhancing the urban environment, both sides agreed to the designation of Soviet as well as American experts in each of the above subjects as members of the Joint Working Group and to the initiation of an exchange of documentation which will take into account the problems of attaching short summary translations. The US and Soviet Working Group Chairmen will be kept informed of all such activities.

As a result of the meeting, both sides agreed to a concrete program of cooperation for 1974 and established approximate dates of experts' visits to each country (Tab.2). Recognizing also that effective cooperation will require additional exchanges of information in the interim period between meetings of the Joint Group, both sides agreed that visits of experts or technical teams, participation in symposia, etc. may be arranged by mutual consent of the Working Group Chairmen. It is understood that each side will bear its own travel expenses and related costs. However,

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other financial arrangements may be utilized upon mutual agreement of the parties.


The two sides believe that the second joint meeting of the US-USSR Working Group has afforded valuable opportunities for continuing rewarding contacts between US and USSR specialists concerned with the urban environment,

Both sides will undertake to work out a long-term program for exchanges of information. They agreed to inform the Co-Chairmen of the US-USSR Joint Commission on Cooperation in the field of Environmental Protection of the substance and form of all cooperative projects to be carried out by the Joint Working Group.

Signed in Moscow, November 30, 1973 in English and Russian, both texts being equally authentic.



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of topics and projects to be undertaken in 1974 in the field of urban environment enhancement under the joint US-USSR cooperation program.

Enhancement of Urban Environment

No.	Working Group, Project	Subject Title	Form of Cooperation	Period and Involvement
I	2	3	4	5
IV.1	Problem as a whole		Meeting of Working Group	IV quarter (October) 1974, USA
IV.2	Ensuring adequate environment for living in new communities	Determination of criteria for selection and location of new communities, as well as for providing adequate environment in new communities	Reciprocal meetings of experts, elaboration of topic and initiation of the development of criteria	II ^d quarter, USSR IV quarter, USA
IV.3	Improvement of environment with regard to places of historic monuments	Public policy toward and techniques of preservation and restoration of historic monuments	Reciprocal exchange of information. Familiarization with the restoration techniques of historic monuments and public policy toward historic preservation	II ^d quarter (June) USSR
IV.4	Enhancement of urban environment in large metropolitan cities	Collection and management of solid wastes	Exchange of technical information, Visits of specialists to study experience in this field	III ^d quarter (July or September) USA

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IV.5	Enhancement of environment in existing cities	Determination of rational relationships of development of mass transit systems and private urban passenger transportation systems in cities of various sizes	Exchange of technical information, elaboration of topic, visit of Soviet experts	II quarter USA
IV.6	Environment in the Far North areas	Distinctive features of design and construction of towns and creation of favourable urban environment for Far North areas	Mutual exchange of technical information. Reciprocal inspection trips	Visits of specialists in the second half of 1974 are possible; the matter will be resolved before March I, 1974
IV.7	Enhancement of urban environment in large metropolitan cities	Planning aspects of noise abatement in new communities and existing cities, long-term monitoring methods and noise measurement schemes	Mutual exchange of information	
IV.8	Land-use policies	Norms and standards on land-use and their influence on urban environment	Mutual exchange of information	
IV.9	Recreation zones in urban and near-urban areas	Means and ways for developing near-urban land for facilities for recreation of residents of large cities	Mutual exchange of information	
IV.10	Enhancement of urban environment in existing cities	Management and modernization of existing housing units	Mutual exchange of information	

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